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NCPC Provides Comments on Potential Sites for a FDR Prayer Plaque at the World War II Memorial *Agency Also Hears Potomac Hill Campus Master Plan Information Presentation*

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 the National Capital Planning Commission provided comments to the National Park Service on four potential locations for the proposed President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) D-Day Prayer Plaque. The Commission supported the selection of Site A at the Circle of Remembrance (located north of the memorial and adjacent to Constitution Gardens) because it is most closely located to other relevant memorial elements (such as the Atlantic Memorial Arch and Eisenhower's D-Day inscription) and offers the greatest opportunity for contemplation and peaceful reflection.

Public Law 113-123 authorized the placement, in the vicinity of the World War II Memorial, of a plaque or inscription with words of a prayer said by President Roosevelt on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The other three locations under consideration include the path edge northeast of the Atlantic Memorial Arch, the memorial's ceremonial entrance, and the path edge located northwest of the information station. The Friends of the World War II Memorial, the plaque sponsor, will take NCPC's comments into consideration when developing design concepts with a preferred location. The project will come back before the Commission for combined preliminary and final review at a later date.

Representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA) provided an information presentation on the Potomac Hill Campus Master Plan they are creating with the U.S. Department of State. The master plan will provide a framework for redevelopment of two adjoining federally owned historic properties (Navy Hill and the Potomac Annex) into a unified state-of-the-art 11.8 acre campus that that would provide long-term office space needs for the State Department. The site is located due west of the State Department's Harry S Truman Building. GSA anticipates returning in the summer of 2016 with a draft master plan for NCPC review. No action is taken on information presentations.

This month's agenda also included three consent calendar items (no presentations were given):

- Final site and building plans for modernization of the tour bridge at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 310 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC (7004)
- Preliminary site development plans for surface parking lots at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia (6676)
- Preliminary and final site and building plans for a communication tower installation project at the Mount Weather Emergency Operations Center, 19844 Blue Ridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, Virginia (7655)

In addition, the Chairman approved one item, and the Executive Director approved eight items, under authority delegated by the Commission. The final agenda and staff recommendations for each project are available on [NCPC's website](#).

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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